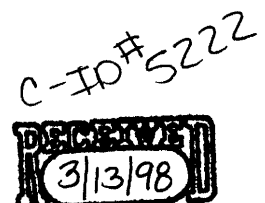


CHARTER

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL

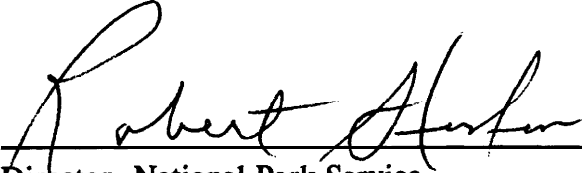
1. The official designation of the Council is the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council (Council).
2. The Council is a Federal advisory committee established by Division I, Title X, subsection 1029(g) of Public Law 104-333, the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (the Act), November 12, 1996.
3. The objectives and scope of the Council's activity are defined by the Act, which states that the Council will "represent various groups with interests in the recreation area and make recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership (Partnership) on issues related to the development and implementation of the integrated resource management plan" for the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area. In addition, two members of the Council will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Partnership as voting members and two will be appointed as voting alternates.
4. The Council is expected to remain in existence for as long as the Partnership remains in existence, or until terminated by act of Congress.
5. The Council is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), Public Law 92-463, October 6, 1972, with the exception of the termination and biennial rechartering provisions of section 14, which were waived by the Council's enabling act. However, the Council's charter will be reviewed biennially to determine if there is a need for revision.
6. The Council reports to the Regional Director, Northeast Regional Office, National Park Service, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19 106.
7. The National Park Service Project Manager for the Partnership, or a Federal employee designated by the Project Manager, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer to oversee the management of the Council, pursuant to section 10(e) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
8. Support for the Council will be provided by the National Park Service and the Partnership, Boston, Massachusetts.



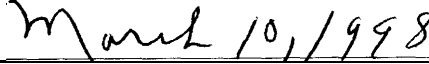
9. The estimated annual operating cost of the Council is **\$15,000**, which includes the cost of materials, supplies, support services, meeting arrangements, and a total of one-fourth person-year of clerical and professional staff support.
10. The duties of the Council are solely advisory, and include representing various agencies and organizations and making recommendations, as described in paragraph 3 above.
11. The Council will consist of not fewer than 18 individuals, with no fewer than 3 individuals to represent each of the following categories of entities:
 - (1) municipalities;
 - (2) educational and cultural institutions;
 - (3) environmental organizations;
 - (4) business and commercial entities (including those related to transportation, tourism and the maritime industry);
 - (5) Boston Harbor Islands-related advocacy groups;
 - (6) organizations representing Native American interests.
12. Members will serve staggered terms of 1, 2, or 3 years until all members are on a 3-year term schedule. A member may be re-appointed for one additional 3-year term. A member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor has been appointed.
13. Members are not considered to be Special Government Employees.
14. Fifteen members of the Council will constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold meetings. The Council will render advice by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. Council members will select from among themselves one member to serve as chairperson.
15. The Council may create subcommittees, the role of which will be to gather information or conduct research for the Council, to analyze relevant issues and facts, or to draft proposed position papers for deliberation by the Council. Subcommittee activities will be related to specific recreation area management issues, including (but not limited to) education, tourism, transportation, natural resources, cultural and historic resources, and revenue raising activities. Membership on all subcommittees will be determined by the Chairperson, subject to the concurrence of the Designated Federal Officer. Participation on any such subcommittee will not be limited to Council members. Subcommittees will meet as necessary, subject to the approval of the Designated

Federal Officer. Council members may serve on standing committees of the Partnership when invited by the Partnership to do so.

16. The Council will meet a minimum of two times a year, at the call of the Designated Federal Officer. Meetings will be held at such locations and in such a manner as to ensure adequate opportunity for public involvement. The Council will choose an appropriate means of providing interested members of the public advance notice of scheduled meetings, including notice in the **Federal Register**.
17. Any member who fails to attend Council meetings, or who otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Council, may be removed from the Council and a replacement named. Vacancies on the Council will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made. A member appointed to fill a vacancy will serve until the expiration of the term in which the vacancy occurred.
18. Council members will serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members engaged in Council business approved by the chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code.



Director, National Park Service



Date Signed

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